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New iMacs, Power Macs, Power Books and Video iPods

New PowerBooks

First on the list are refreshed PowerBook models. Moody announced two new systems -- 15-inch and 17-inch PowerBooks. The 15-inch model now features a screen with 1440 x 900 resolution, the same as the previous generation 17-inch model. The 17-inch model now features a 1680 x 1050 pixel display -- the same resolution as Apple's 20-inch Cinema Display. The new PowerBooks sport 22 percent greater battery life, standard DVD-RW "SuperDrives" and built-in support for Apple's gargantuan 30-inch Cinema HD Display, according to Moody. Prices start at \$1,499 for the 12-inch model, \$1,999 for the 15-inch model and \$2,499 for the 17-inch model. All systems are shipping today.

New Power Macs

Apple has also updated its Power Mac G5 system, which Moody calls the "system of choice for creative professionals that need power." The new systems feature dual-core PowerPC processors and a new system architecture that can support up to 16GB of 533MHz DDR2 RAM. They can also hold up to 1 terabyte (TB) of internal Serial ATA (SATA) storage, and are the first Power Macs to feature PCI Express (PCIe) expansion slots. DDR2 RAM and PCIe are both featured on Apple's recently refreshed iMac G5 system. Apple has worked with graphics maker Nvidia Corp. to feature four new graphics options for the refreshed Power Mac G5 line, including the Quadro FX 4500 -- Nvidia's fastest workstation card. This fills a gap in the Power Mac line that

has long been criticized by 3D graphics professionals and others who have wanted faster graphics systems than the consumer-oriented cards and chips Apple has offered in the past. The Quadro card can support dual 30-inch displays, according to Moody. The new Power Macs G5 "Quad" system touts eight floating point units, four velocity engines, four 1MB Level 2 caches and is capable of processing 76.6 gigaflops. "There is some serious horsepower under the hood," said Moody.

The Power Mac G5 starts in a single-processor, dual-core configuration clocked at 2.0GHz for \$1,999. The 2.3GHz dual-core system costs \$2,499, and the "Quad" dual-processor, dual-core system starts at \$3,299.

Cinema HD Displays

Apple has also realigned pricing on its 23-inch and 30-inch Cinema HD Displays. Effective today, the 23-inch Cinema HD Display costs \$1,299, down from \$1,499, while the 30-inch Cinema HD Display costs \$2,499, down from \$2,999. *see New iMacs page 3*



BAC November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on Saturday November 12th, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library room 116.

The topic for the meeting will be "Unix Basics: A Look Under the Hood of Your Mac", it's Unix underpinnings presented by Juan Pablo Claude. Come early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and cookies, plus....🍏.

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Election of Officers

Anyone interested in being an officer please indicate such interest to a BAC officer and what position you would be interested in.

Your name will be placed in nomination at our December meeting and a vote on officers for 2006 will be held.

BAC Disk of the Month

The BAC CDOM (Disk of the Month) is available at each BAC meeting. These CDs contain updates, shareware, and freeware.

The cost is \$2 per disk and is available at the BAC meetings from Disk Librarian Jerry Jenkins.

CDOM - November 2005

New Stuff

Adobe Reader 7.0.5...Shareware

JustReminderZ 3.0.3...Freeware
Alarm and notification of any time or event. For OS 10.1 or higher.

MacFamilyTree 4.2...Shareware
Updated genealogy program. Requires OS 10.3.9 or higher

MacSudoku...Shareware
Generates and helps solve sudoku puzzles. For OS 10.1 or higher.

PDFKeyPro 1.2.8...Shareware
Decrypts protected pdf files for printing and editing. For OS 10.2 or higher.

Receipt Book1.0.4...Shareware
Home budget program for expense tracking. For OS 10.4 or higher.

Solitaire Forever1.1.1...Shareware
Over 100 solitaire games. OK for OS 9 – OS X

Sudoku Susser 2.0.1...Freeware
Helps solve sudoku puzzles.

Tiger Cache Cleaner 3.0.5...Shareware
Utility to provide easy access to OS X maintenance and utility options. Requires OS 10.1 or higher.

WidgetMakerX 1.2.2...Shareware
Modify/Create and manage widgets. Sorry, only for OS 10.4 or higher.

ARE YOU REAL?

by Penelope Fenton

If you are a RealPlayer user, on Mac OS X, you may have noticed that your RealPlayer doesn't work properly.

Number one clue to this is: When your RealPlayer is SUPPOSED to be playing a sound bite (or music) that one of two things happen. Either the RealPlayer shows you a message saying: "Can't open, device may be in use by another application", or, your RealPlayer shows that it's playing but, no sound comes out of it.

Having no success with customer support, this time I went to "Real Support Community". There, after a number of different searches, I found, buried in a reply to a different, unrecognizable question, the answer:

Seems, one must launch Garageband. Whether you want to use it or not.

Launch the program. Quit the program and RealPlayer is a happy audio player again.

The unfortunate side effects of this is: RealPlayer and RealAudio are faster, better streamed content devices than MP3. They take less space on your hard drive and on your server, and are faster to upload and download, which is one of the reasons I am a devotee. The downside: now, they don't seem to be interested in Mac.

Penelope is our webmaster and treasurer

November Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC November meeting: Mac OS X Tiger Killer Tips, a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 🍏

Apple Introduces the New iMac G5 Features Built-in iSight Video Camera & Breakthrough “Front Row” Media Experience

Apple® unveiled the new iMac® G5 which features a built-in iSight™ video camera for out-of-the-box video conferencing and the debut of Apple’s breakthrough Front Row media experience. Front Row gives users a simple, intuitive and powerful way to play their music, enjoy their photo slideshows, and watch their DVDs and iMovies, as well as popular movie trailers from apple.com and music videos and television shows purchased from the iTunes® Music Store, on their iMac from up to 30 feet away using the new bundled Apple Remote. The new iMac G5 comes in a sleek, new design that is even thinner than its predecessor, and starts at just \$1,299.

“The new iMac G5 debuts our amazing Front Row media experience, and we think users are going to love it,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “Plus, the built-in iSight video camera delivers out-of-the-box video conferencing with friends and family, as well as hours of fun with our new Photo Booth application.”

Apple’s breakthrough Front Row media experience uses the bundled Apple Remote to let users enjoy the content they have on their iMac—including songs from their iTunes music library, slideshows of their photo albums in iPhoto®, videos including Podcasts, iMovies and DVDs, and popular movie trailers streamed from apple.com—all from up to 30 feet away. And with iTunes 6, users can now purchase and download music videos, Pixar short films and hit TV shows such as “Desperate Housewives” and “Lost” from the iTunes Music Store and watch them on their iMac using Front Row. Front Row is easily controlled using the Apple Remote, which has only six buttons, compared to remote controls for Microsoft’s Media Center which typically have over 40 buttons.

With its built-in iSight video camera, the new iMac G5 provides video conferencing right out of the box using Apple’s award-winning iChat AV software. The new iMac G5 also includes Photo Booth, Apple’s fun-to-use new application that lets users take quick snapshots with the built-in iSight video camera, add entertaining visual effects with the touch of a button, and share them via Mail, save them in iPhoto®, or use them as icons in iChat or Address Book.

The refined design of the new iMac G5 is now up to 1/2-inch thinner and 15 percent lighter than the previous generation. Delivering even greater value, the new iMac G5 line includes a 17-inch model with a 1.9GHz PowerPC G5 processor for just \$1,299 and a 20-inch model with a 2.1 GHz PowerPC G5 processor for just \$1,699. Both models now come standard with a SuperDrive™ with double-layer support for burning professional-quality DVDs, 533 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable to 2.5GB, hard drive

storage capacity up to 500GB, and ATI Radeon X600 PCI Express-based graphics with 128MB of dedicated video memory for outstanding graphics performance and realistic game play. System memory is easily upgraded via a convenient access door along the bottom edge.

Offering the latest high-performance I/O, the new iMac G5s include built-in 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet for high-speed networking, built-in AirPort® Extreme for fast 54 Mbps wireless networking*, built-in Bluetooth 2.0+EDR, a total of five USB ports (three USB 2.0) and two FireWire® 400 ports. The new iMac G5 includes Apple’s Mighty Mouse, featuring up to four programmable buttons and an ingenious Scroll Ball that lets users scroll in any direction—vertically, horizontally and even diagonally.

Every new iMac G5 also includes iLife® ‘05, Apple’s award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications; Mac OS X version 10.4 “Tiger,” the world’s most advanced operating system; and a collection of productivity and entertainment titles including AppleWorks, Quicken 2006 for Mac, 2006 World Book, Photo Booth, Nanosaur 2 and Marble Blast Gold. 🍏



The New iMac G5 with remote controlled Front Row

Apple Introduces Aperture

Aperture, the first all-in-one post production tool that provides everything photographers need after the shoot. Aperture offers an advanced and incredibly fast RAW workflow that makes working with a camera’s RAW images as easy as JPEG. Built from the ground up for pros, Aperture features powerful compare and select tools, nondestructive image processing, color managed printing and custom web and book publishing. Aperture is available now for \$499.

“Aperture is to professional photography what Final Cut Pro is to filmmaking,” said Rob Schoeben, Apple’s vice president of Applications Marketing. “Finally, an innovative post production tool that revolutionizes the pro photo workflow from compare and select to retouching to output.” 🍏

<http://www.apple.com/aperture/>

Apple Unveils the New iPod Fifth Generation iPod Now Plays Music, Photos & Video

Apple introduced the new iPod®, featuring a gorgeous 2.5-inch color screen which can display album artwork and photos, and play stunning video including music videos, video Podcasts, home movies and television shows. The new iPod holds up to 15,000 songs, 25,000 photos or over 150 hours of video and is available in a 30GB model for \$299 and a 60GB model for \$399, with both models available in stunning white or black designs.

“The new iPod is the best music player ever—it’s 30 percent thinner and has 50 percent more storage than its predecessor—yet it sells for the same price and plays stunning video on its 2.5-inch color screen,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “Because millions of people around the world will buy this new iPod to play music, it will quickly become the most popular portable video player in history.”

The new iPod plays music, audiobooks, audio Podcasts, video Podcasts, home movies, music videos and popular television shows like “Lost” and “Desperate Housewives.” The unrivaled combination of iPod and iTunes® 6 now provides customers with a seamless experience for buying, managing and playing video as well as audio content, including over 2,000 music videos, six short films from the Academy-Award winning Pixar Animation Studios, and five television shows from ABC and Disney Channel, including the immensely popular “Lost” and “Desperate Housewives.”

The new iPod combines all of the ground breaking features that have made the iPod the best music player in the world with revolutionary new features such as the ability to view video content on a larger stunning color display. The new iPod features Apple’s innovative Click Wheel for precise, one-handed navigation and the portable design is ideal for putting music, Podcasts, photos, audiobooks, home movies, music videos and popular television shows in a pocket for on-the-go viewing. iPod users can also watch their video content and slideshows of their photos on a television via optional Apple accessories.

Featuring seamless integration with the iTunes Music Store and the iTunes digital music jukebox, iPod features Apple’s patent pending Auto-Sync technology that automatically downloads digital music, Podcasts, photos, audiobooks, home movies, music videos and popular television shows onto the iPod and keeps them up-to-date whenever the iPod is plugged into a Mac® or Windows computer using USB 2.0. The 30GB model features up to 14 hours of battery life for music playback and the 60GB model features up to 20 hours of battery life for music playback.*Optional accessories designed for the new iPod

include: Universal Dock for \$39 (US), Apple iPod AV cable for \$19 (US), enabling television viewing of video content in full-screen; the iPod Camera Connector for \$29 (US); and Apple Socks for \$29 (US) providing six vibrant color socks to dress up and protect your iPod.

iPod requires a Mac with a USB 2.0 and Mac OS® X version 10.3.9 or later and iTunes 6. 🍏



The new Video iPods

Apple Announces iTunes 6 With Music Videos, Pixar Short Films & Hit TV Shows ABC’s “Desperate Housewives” & “Lost” Episodes Available for Just \$1.99

Apple® announced iTunes® 6, the next generation of the world’s most popular music jukebox and online music store. iTunes 6 lets fans purchase and download over 2,000 music videos and six short films from Academy-Award winning Pixar Animation Studios for just \$1.99 each. Also, in a landmark deal with Disney, iTunes is now offering current and past episodes from two of the most popular shows on television, “Desperate Housewives” and “Lost,” as well as the new drama series “Night Stalker” and the two most popular shows from Disney Channel, “That’s So Raven” and “The Suite Life of Zack & Cody,” for just \$1.99 per episode. Customers can now purchase and download their favorite television shows from iTunes the day after they air on TV, watch them on their Mac® or PC, and Auto-Sync them onto the new iPod® for viewing anywhere.

“We’re doing for video what we’ve done for music—we’re making it easy and affordable to purchase and download, play on your computer, and take with you on your iPod,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “Right out of the gate we’re offering 2,000 music videos, Pixar’s short films and hit primetime TV shows like ‘Desperate Housewives’ and ‘Lost’.”

“For the first time ever, hit primetime shows can be purchased online the day after they air on TV,” said Robert Iger, CEO of the Walt Disney Company. “We’re delighted to be working with Apple to offer fans a new and innovative way to experience our wildly popular shows like ‘Desperate Housewives’ ‘Lost’ and ‘That’s So Raven’.”

“Apple is giving music fans a great way to own their favorite music videos,” said Jimmy Iovine, Chairman of Interscope Geffen A&M. “The people at Apple fully understand the interaction between musicians and their audience.” 🍏

Toast 7 Titanium

From Rachael Smithey "Your Guide to Focus on Macs"

Looking for an easy-to-use full-featured media application? Toast 7 Titanium offers audio recording and conversion, file-splitting, music DVD burning, DVD copying, DivX conversion, and much more.

Media Browser and File Backup

The iLife media browser provides easy access to files in iTunes, iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD discs and VIDEO_TS folders, and more.

Toast allows you to backup files across multiple CDs and DVDs. You can safely backup files of any size and easily retrieve them with the included Restore tool. For backing up large files and applications, you can span them across multiple CDs and DVDs.

Audio Recording and Conversion Features

Use Toast to create music DVDs. In addition to burning music to CD, Toast allows you to store over 50 hours of music on a single DVD.

Toast also offers audio conversion, allowing you to convert audio files to OGG, FLAC, AAC and more.

The included CD Spin Doctor Desktop Recorder Dashboard widget allows you to capture live audio with ease. You can also record voice memos or any analog source audio and add the tracks to iTunes, CD Spin Doctor or Toast.

DVD Recording and Conversion Features


Use Toast to compress and backup an entire 9 GB dual-layer DVD to a standard 4.7 GB DVD disc. Extract the main movie, audio and language to maximize video quality and use of disc space. Toast also allows you to download DivX videos and create DVDs in a single-step process.

You can also turn iMovie HD and FinalCut HD projects into DivX CDs and DVDs. If you have a DivX certified HD player you can enjoy true high-definition video. Toast can transform still images into widescreen, multi-image HD slideshows with collages, motion effects, transitions, titles and background soundtracks, and offers the ability to preview in full-screen or export in standard or high-definition video for DVD or DivX HD disc burning.

Conclusion

Toast 7 Titanium requires PowerPC G4 processor or faster, Mac OS X v10.3.9 or later, 300 MB of free disk space to install, up to 15 GB of temporary free disk space during usage, QuickTime 7 or later, and CD or DVD burner and recordable media. Toast offers an impressive array of features and it is extremely easy and intuitive to use. The included step-by-step Getting Started Guide provides excellent instructions on installing and using the application. Toast 7 Titanium is a must-have application for anyone interested in making the most of the media capabilities of their Mac. Toast 7 Titanium is an outstanding value at under \$100 USD. Additionally, in the United States, a \$20 mail-in rebate is available for cur-

rent owners of Toast, Jam, Popcorn, The Boom Box, iLife, and Mac OS X. Details are included in the box.

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Apple Names New COO & States Profits

Apple named Tim Cook its Chief Operating Officer (COO). Cook has been Apple's executive vice president of Worldwide Sales and Operations since 2002. What's more, Apple's senior vice president of the iPod Division, Jon Rubinstein, will retire in March, 2006, to be succeeded by Tony Fadell.

"Tim has been doing this job for over two years now, and it's high time we officially recognized it with this promotion," said Apple CEO Steve Jobs in a statement.

In his new role, Cook will continue to lead the company's Macintosh division, and will continue to be responsible for all of Apple's sales and operations efforts. He'll report directly to Steve Jobs, just as he is now.

Cook joined Apple in 1998 and senior vice president of Operations, and was promoted to his EVP role in 2002. Prior to joining Apple Cook worked at Compaq and spent more than a decade at IBM.


Apple Reports Fourth Quarter Results

Apple Concludes Best Quarter & Best Year in Company History. - Apple posted revenue of \$3.68 billion and a net quarterly profit of \$430 million, or \$.50 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$2.35 billion and a net profit of \$106 million, or \$.13 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin was 28.1 percent, up from 27.0 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 40 percent of the quarter's revenue.

Apple shipped 1,236,000 Macintosh® units and 6,451,000 iPods during the quarter, representing 48 percent growth in Macs and 220 percent growth in iPods over the year-ago quarter.

For fiscal 2005, the Company generated revenue of \$13.93 billion and a net profit of \$1.335 billion, reflecting annual growth of 68 percent and 384 percent, respectively, and representing the highest annual revenue and net profit in the Company's history.

"We're thrilled to have concluded the best year in Apple's history, with 68 percent year-over-year revenue growth and 384 percent net profit growth," said Steve Jobs, Apple'

"This is the direct result of our focus on innovation and the immense talent and creativity at Apple. We could not be more excited about the new products we're working on for 2006." "We're very pleased to report 48 percent year-over-year growth in Mac shipments in Q4, as well as our 10th consecutive quarter of record iPod sales," said Peter Oppenheimer, Apple's CFO. "Looking ahead to the first quarter of fiscal 2006 which will span 14 weeks, we expect revenue of about \$4.7 billion. 



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